A PROCLAMATION;

For a thanksgiving throughout the Kingdom *of* Scotland, *for the late Defeat of the* Kings *Enemies.*

JAMES by the Grace of GOD, King of *Great Britain, France,* and *Ireland,* Defender of the Faith, To Our Lyon King at Arms, and his Brethren Herauld , Macers of Our Privy Council, Purſevants, and Meſſengers at Arms; Our Sheriffs in that part, conjunctly, and ſeverally, ſpecially conſtitute, Greeting: Foraſmuch as *James Scot* late Duke of *Monmouth,* and *Archibald Campbel* late Earl of *Argile,* with their Traiterous Confederates and Accomplices, Having moſt preſumptiouſly Invaded both Our Kingdoms of *Scotland* and *England* by Armed Force, of purpoſe to have deſtroyed Us, and all Our good and Loyal Subjects, and ſubverted Our Government in Church and State; but it having pleaſed Almighty God, (by whom Kings Reign, and Princes decree Juſtice) by his Miraculous Providence and Omnipotent hand, to confound and blaſt the Helliſh Devices and Projects of theſe our Enemies, and utterly to diſcomfite and ſubdue them. We have therfore from a Due and Religious ſenſe of Gods ſo great Mercy and Deliverance towards us, and Our People in theſe Realms, Thought fit, with Advice of Our Privy Council, Hereby to ſet apart ſolemn days of Thanksgiving, for offering ſolemn Praiſe to Almighty God, for ſo great and miraculous a Deliverance, and making humble Prayers and Supplications, that his Divine Majeſty may continue his undeſerved Goodneſs towards Us, and theſe Our Kingdoms: And to the end this Solemn and Religious a Thanks giving may be gone about in a devout manner, We do hereby Recommend to the Moſt Reverend the Arch-Biſhops, and the Right Reverend the Biſhops, that they cauſe the Miniſters in their Dioceſſes reſpectively from their Pulpits, Read and Intimate this our Royal Pleaſure on the Lords Day immediately preceeding the Dyets appointed for the ſaid Thanksgiving, which are aftermentioned, *viz.* Theſe for the Dioceſs of *Edinburgh,* upon Thurſday the Twenty Third Inſtant; and theſe of all the other Dioceſſes of this our Kingdom, upon Thurſday being the Thirteenth Day of *Auguſt* next. And We hereby Require and Command all Our good Subjects Peremptorly and Religiouſly to Obſerve theſe Solemn Days of Thanksgiving, as they would tender the Glory of Almighty God for ſo Signal a Deliverance. and not incur Our high Diſpleaſure; yet We are not hereby to leſſen the Reſentments of our good Subjects on this Occaſion, but allow them, after Divine Service performed, to uſe all lawful demonſtrations of Joy and Gladneſs. And that Our Pleaſure in the Premiſſes may be known, Our Will is, and We Charge you ſtrictly, and Command, that in continent, theſe Our Letters ſeen, ye paſs to the Mercat Croſs of *Edinburgh,* and all the other Mercat Croſſes of the Head Burghs of the Shires of this Kingdom, and there by open Proclamation, in Our Royal Name and Authority, make Publication of Our Pleaſure in the Premiſſes, that all Our Subjects may have Notice thereof, and give Obedience accordingly.

Given under Our Signet at Edinburgh, *the Sixteenth day of* July, 1685. *And of Our Reign the firſt Year.*

Per Actum Dominorum Secreti Concilij.

COL. MACKENZIE, *Cls. Sti. Concilij.*

God ſave the King.

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